

REMARKS

Applicant has filed a Request for Continuing Examination for the Examiner to consider a German office action in a related German patent application and a reference cited in that German office action.

Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 10, 12, 13, and 20 to 22 were pending in the present application. Applicant has amended claims 2 to 5, 9, and 10, and canceled claims 1 and 20 to 22. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and allowance of claims 2 to 5, 7 to 10, 12, and 13. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480x206.

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